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TISSUE GRAFT CONSTRUCT FOR REPLACEMENT OF CARTILAGINOUS STRUCTURES

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed (as listed below) and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Yes	No
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